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In re Patent Application of:  
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POLYMER AND USES OF THE POLYMER

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Non-final Office Action mailed January 4, 2007 ("the OA"), Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. A response to the Office Action was initially due April 04, 2007. A petition for an extension of time of three months, to July 05, 2007 (July 04, 2007, was a holiday), is attached hereto, along with the required fee. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.